

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP

SPRING 2022

ALL ABOARD!

Lord willing, the train will be on time this year! THERE WILL BE CAMP!!!

The Board of Directors has selected Tina Jernatowski to direct the first week and Aimee Peters the second week. Staff from previous years have already been reaching out with excitement for finally being able to resume summer traditions at CHC.

In the very near future camper brochures will be printed and distributed. Anticipating an enthusiastic response, Camp suggests taking advantage of the discounted rate by applying before June 1. CHC's program will operate July 10 – 23 and campers may attend either or both weeks.

Both Camp Agape and St. George Family Camp are going to resume their camping programs at CHC, although Camp Agape has reduced theirs to a single week this year.

NO INCREASE IN FEES

The Board debated raising the fees because of the excessive impact of inflation that will make Camp's expenses rise substantially, but decided to keep the fees the same as 2019. It is hoped that families who support CHC will make extra donations this year to help keep camp affordable for family budgets stretched thin by other costs.

This is what the camper brochure says:

FEES	By June 1	After June 1
First camper in family	\$155.00	\$180.00
Additional camper/2nd week	\$125.00	\$150.00

PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20.

A \$35.00 deposit for each camper must be sent in with the pre-registration form. It is non-refundable unless summer school is required. The balance of the fee is payable upon registration at the camp.

CALENDAR 2022

May 28-30	Mem. Day Work
June 3	Board meeting @ CHC
June 4	Work day
July 2-3	75th Anniversary
July 10-16	Week 1 CHC
July 17-23	Week 2 CHC
July 24-30	Camp Agape
July 31-Aug.6	St. George Family Camp
Sept. 24	Annual Meeting @ CHC
Nov. 10-12	Veterans' Bowhunt
Dec. 3	Board meeting

75th ANNIVERSARY JULY 2-3

In the fall of 1947 several families who attended the Lasalle Church of Christ in Niagara Falls, NY, pooled their resources and purchased the Milks' dairy farm at 9414 Dutch Hill Road. The following spring the incorporation was certified as Christian Heights, Inc., and that summer the first camp was conducted. 2022 will be the 75th camping season enjoyed at this awesome hilltop, though the past two years the regular camp program was abandoned because of the pandemic and activities were limited to weekend and on-line events.

Here is the schedule of activities:

Saturday, July 2

On arrival	Self registration
Noon	Picnic (see details on page 2)
1-5	Pool open – family supervision
	Tours of facilities
	Guided hikes of property
	Sports – family supervision
	Playground – family supervision
	Renewing friendships
	Memory rock painting
5:30	Hot Dog Roast
7:30	Campfire songs

Sunday, July 3

8-10	Self-serve breakfast
11	Chapel
12	Lunch
1-?	Enjoy Camp and each other!

A GREAT LOSS

As was reported in the online edition of this newsletter in December, on October 10 Gail Smith went Home to the Lord after her long battle with pancreatic cancer. Gail was a devoted supporter of CHC as a board member and officer, volunteered on workdays, and was instrumental in making sure campers and staff enjoyed delicious and nutritious meals.

THANK YOU, PENNY

After serving on the Board of Directors for many years, the Board has regretfully accepted the resignation of Penny Moher, who no longer lives in western New York. She first came to CHC as a camper and has been a diligent volunteer in a host of ways. **Thank you, Penny!**

A GENEROUS OFFER!

Camp Agape's board of directors has made an offer to match CHC's funds up to \$3000 for the improvement of the boys' cabins. New doors, brighter ceilings and ventilation fans are planned. The fans are particularly important for comfort and a healthy exchange of air to mitigate disease transmission.

MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND

The annual work weekend will be held May 28-30. Considerable painting needs to be done, some dead ash trees need cutting, cleaning of all buildings and preparation for the celebration of 75 years. You are invited for one, two or all three days. Let us know your plan!

VETERANS' BOWHUNT

You may have noticed on the above calendar that there is a veterans' bowhunt planned for November 10 - 12. Christian Heights is pleased to honor veterans with this Christ-centered gathering. Wes Tessey organizes and leads this event. If you, or a veteran you know, would like to participate please contact Wes at 716-640-9883 or www.veterans4christ.org.

Last November 12 veterans attended. While no deer were harvested, the fellowship created memories and new friendships that lift the spirits closer to the Lord.

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Since the December newsletter (digital only) the following have made contributions to CHC. Christian Heights is deeply indebted to the following friends:

Anonymous Donors

Dave and Betty Astin

George & Maurine Brown

(in memory of Bob Sembert)

Dorothy Dillemoth

(in memory of Maria Moher Keister)

Michael Fleming

Christina Gorski

Chet and Garnette Henninger

(in memory of Gail Smith)

Carol Sembert (in memory of Bob Sembert)

Joanne Zimmerman

All Truist donors who designated CHC.

All United Way donors who designated CHC.

ANNIVERSARY DETAILS

Christian Heights will provide utensils, beverage, salads, partially pre-made sandwiches and condiments for the picnic. For the hot dog roast, Camp will provide wieners, burgers, buns, chips, watermelon and beverage. There will also be the makings for s'mores.

If you are planning on staying overnight, please contact Jean Hewitt (716-581-1412) to reserve a cabin or room. Camp will have cereal, milk and muffins for your self-serve breakfast. Some rooms have already been reserved.

Linda Andersen McClure is editing a Shutterfly book for the occasion and has asked for photo contributions. She would especially like ones from the earliest years of Camp. You will be able to view it during the weekend and will be given information to order one for yourself if you wish.

Do you know how to contact former campers? Please encourage anyone you know who enjoyed time at Camp to join us for a great reunion and celebration of God's goodness!

75th July 2 (and 3)